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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For United States Senator:
W. A. REED.

For Judge of Supreme Court—Division No. 2:
W. T. RAGLAND.

For Judge Supreme Court—Division No. 2:
JOHN A. WHITE.

For Sup't of Public Schools:
CHAS. A. LEE.

For Congressman Thirteenth District:
J. SCOTT WOLFE.

For Circuit Judge:
PETER H. HUCK
of Ste. Genevieve

For State Senator:
W. A. BROOKSHIRE
of Farmington

For Representative:
HIRAM C. JOHNSON

For Collector:
J. E. BREWER

For County Clerk:
MARVIN W. CROWDER.

For Circuit Clerk:
J. C. HEIFNER

For Probate Judge:
C. P. WILKSON.

For Probate Judge:
PHILIP S. COLE.

For Recorder of Deeds:
HENRY M. O'BRIEN.

For Presiding Judge County Court:
J. H. ORTEN

For Judge County Court—First District:
BEN B. BISCH.

For Judge County Court—Second District:
J. W. BOSWELL.

For Notary Public:
SWILLYS. SCHUBERT.

REPUBLICAN NOMINEES

For Circuit Judge:
T. N. THRELKELD
of St. Francois County

For Probate Judge:
KOSSUTH C. WEBER

For Collector:
GEO. M. MACK

Two judges to be nominated for Division No. 2, with close contest between R. F. Walker and Haywood Scott; may take official count to decide.

Dr. J. Scott Wolfe was nominated for Congress. Following is the vote as received: Wolf, 4950; Eaton, 4781; Brewster, 3426.

The chairman of the Democratic county committees of the seven counties of the Thirteenth congressional district will meet at Bismarck next Tuesday for the purpose of organizing the congressional committee which will elect two State Democratic Committeemen for this district.

Mrs. St. Clair Moss, president emeritus of Christian College at Columbia has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Eighth district. She had two male competitors for the honor. There were four women candidates for Congress in Missouri, but Mrs. Moss was the only one whose pole reached the persimmon. One out of four won, the male percentage of successful candidates

The Constitutional Convention appears to be hard at work and the committees and sub-committees busy sifting the wheat from the chaff of the many proposals introduced, but it would be practically impossible for newspapers to give the public an intelligent idea of what has or may be accomplished. The people must patiently wait until the convention has put the new or amended constitution in shape and then study and digest it as best they may at their leisure.

WOLFE'S POOR POLITICS

There has been a good deal of talk and suggesting, among those dissatisfied with the result of the Democratic senatorial contest in the primary, about bringing out an independent Democratic candidate for United States Senator against Senator Reed. Among them are some prominent and well known Democrats. It is claimed by them that Mr. Reed's plurality is the result of Republicans voting for him in the primary and

that his nomination by this means does not represent the feeling and sentiment of a majority of the Democrats of the State.

But, granting all that is said, would it be good politics to thrust an independent candidate into the field? It might defeat Mr. Reed in the general election, but what show would an independent candidate have? His name could not be printed on the regular Democratic ballot and would have to be written in by those voting for him or her. We say her, because that splendid Democratic woman, Mrs. W. W. Martin is one who has been suggested to be put forward as the independent candidate.

As we see it, such a movement would only add to the wide divergence of opinions on party principles and policies that already exists and would make it more difficult to carry through to success the balance of the State ticket, even if it did not result in a total defeat all along the line and another wholesale Republican victory. Because of the strong feeling against Mr. Reed among a large number of Democrats, the other candidates on the ticket, state, congressional and legislative, with an independent candidate for United States Senator in the field,

"**LONG WILL NOT CONTEST**"
Breckinridge Long will not contest the nomination of Senator Reed nor ask for a recount of the primary vote. Last Tuesday he issued a formal statement to this effect as follows:

"I consider myself the choice of the Democrats of Missouri for United States Senator. Between 40,000 and 50,000 Republicans voted in our primary and I believe the expressed will of the great majority of the Democrats who voted.

"My friends have urged me to have the election re-counted. Some have counseled against it. I have considered all phases of the calm and orderly election which would indicate a Republican victory. It was unethical, illegal and wrong for them to vote in our primary, but owing to the defective primary law, there is no legal remedy. I have concluded that I will neither ask a recount nor file a protest."

PARTY PLATFORMS

Under the primary election law of this State the nominees for state, senatorial, congressional and legislative offices and members of the State Committees of each political party, must meet in convention and write the platform of their respective parties. In decided change from that pursued under the old delegated convention plan of nominating party tickets, the convention adopting the platform to which the candidates nominated by it would subscribe and support. Now the successful nominees of each party make their own platform. This looks like putting the cart before the horse, and the voters making the nominations don't know what innovations of party principles and policies the candidates' convention may make in drafting a platform.

Particularly is this true with the Democratic party in Missouri in the present campaign. The renomination of Senator Reed, who repudiated the platforms adopted by both the State and National Democratic conventions of two years ago, and made the fight of his life for renomination in defending his opposition to the policies therein enunciated, will be a leading influence in the candidates' platform convention when it meets in September. An everybody knows Mr. Reed is a stubborn fighter and contender for his views. Will he attempt to make the convention follow his lead and endorse his course? Will he oppose an endorsement in the forthcoming State Democratic platform of the platform adopted by the National Democratic convention two years ago—which is the authorized principles and policies of the Democratic party with another National Convention and speak and the policies of the Wilson administration which the national platform upholds?

A negative answer to these questions, in view of Mr. Reed's attitude and reiterated utterances would be at variance with the character of the man as the public has learned to know him, which leads to the possibility—nay, probability—that the candidates' platform-making convention will be a stormy one. His probability is increased by the fact that Frank H. Lee, the Democratic nominee for Congress in the Thirteenth district, and Frank H. Farris, nominated for State Senator in the Twenty-fourth district, both of whom are their campaign on an anti-Breedon and courageous fighters themselves, will be members of the platform-making

CONVENTION'S OUTCOMES

What will be the effect of the convention's conclusion on the League of Nations in this State? What compromises may be made to satisfy the Democratic voters and induce them to put up a strong and determined fight for the whole ticket? That is what must be done to assure party victory at the November election, for the experience of two years ago shows that Missouri is no longer reliable Democratic, and that we must fight and work together harmoniously to get anywhere.

PRIMARY ELECTION FRAUDS

Charges of fraud and irregularities in our primary nominating elections are made after each recurring election, but in the primary of last week they are louder and more persistent than ever. From St. Louis county emanates a ringing protest from the Clear Election League of that county and demand upon the Governor to "help redress the violated majesty of Missouri."

"It is charged that a 'criminal conspiracy' was hatched to steal the election; that gamblers, crooks and non-residents (from the city of St. Louis), who had been illegally appointed judges in many precincts, usurped possession of the polls; that judges, watchers and challengers who had been duly and regularly appointed were wrongfully excluded and ejected from the polls; that organized bands of repeaters imported from the city motored from polling place to polling place and were permitted to vote and repeat by their companion gangsters; that in some precincts the ballots cast by the people were thrown away and forged ballots substituted therefor by the alleged criminals in charge, and that in other precincts the ballot boxes were fraudulently stuffed and fraudulently counted.

"What a terrible indictment, and yet these charges are said to be backed by affidavits of many good people of the county. If such things can be what a farce our primary elections have become. The law is supposed to guard against such ruthless violation of its letter and spirit, but it would seem that those in authority have no power to prevent such crimes against the supposed sacredness of the ballot and expressed will of the people, which cast doubt upon the legality of the legal tickets alleged to have been nominated and upon the state and Congressional tickets as well.

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COUNTY POLITICAL COMMITTEES

The newly elected county committees of the Democratic and Republican parties met in Farmington Tuesday and effected their organization as follows:

Democratic
Dr. G. A. Tesley, Farmington, St. Francois Township, Chairman.
Ochs Field, Dade; Randolph Township, Secretary.
R. A. Benham, Bonne Terre, Perry Township, Treasurer.

Republican
Carr Hartshorn, Elkins, Randolph Township, Chairman.
D. H. Cameron, St. Francois Township, Vice-Chairman.
J. E. Hoody, Perry Township.
Fred Oehler, Iron Township.
Wm. Rosenstengel, Pendleton Township.

Independent
Albert Belknap, Liberty Township.
J. E. Crossman, Big River Township.
D. Hall, Marion Township.

The committee did not elect a secretary, but left that for a future meeting after the women members of the committee have been selected with the purpose of selecting one to be their secretary. Meetings of the women were called for the several townships for the purpose of selecting one from each to act with the county committee.

At the meeting Tuesday Alton Johnson, who is not a committeeman, was elected treasurer, a position he has held for some years, and Harry Carver acted as Secretary pro tem.

Sophia Hays claims to be the youngest woman original lawyer in the United States. She has just passed her seventeenth birthday, but recently passed the state bar examination and was admitted to practice. Under the laws of Georgia there is no age limit for persons admitted to the practice of law.

There is no better looking glass than an old friend.

CONTENTS SECRETARY U. S. WOULD GAIN BY LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Former Governor Cox of Ohio, late Democratic candidate for President who is traveling in Europe, addressed the Secretariats of the League of Nations at Geneva on the 6th inst., in which he expressed the view that the welfare of the United States would be advanced if we entered into full membership in the League. The Associated Press report from Geneva under date of August 6 says:

"The welfare of the League of Nations and the welfare of our own country would be advanced if we entered into full membership in the League of Nations; but it is apparent from an intimate view of the situation here that membership of the United States is not essential to the life of the League of Nations," said James M. Cox, former Governor of Ohio, this evening in a speech delivered to the members of the International League of Friends and promoters of Switzerland.

"We shall judge in no time for the future," Mr. Cox continued, "but it goes without saying that our country is progressive and democratic."

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Cox, prior to his address, had spent several days examining the workings of the commissions of the league secretariat, and the result of his observations formed the principal subject of his speech, delivered as a banquet in his honor given by the International Club.

"The dream of generations has come true," he began referring to the first decision handed down by the permanent international court. "What statesmen and internationalists have regarded as a possibility throughout the years is now a reality. We have the interpretation of international law by a distinguished body whose contribution to progress will be a peace based on justice."

He then spoke of the work of the League of Nations.

"The chairman has made a diplomatic reference to the absence of America from the League of Nations. It must be confessed that America has a singular aversion when it comes to the League. He spoke again of the lack of the soul of League, where thousands of our brave boys are in the sleep of death. They gave their lives that an institution of peace might be founded.

"The League of Nations is the pride of their blood and spirit, and strange though it may seem, it has been the most popular cause in the world since the war."

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A. C. McNaughton, representing the capital highway, continued to urge that personality have more weight in the selection of Guard.

The primary route selected to govern the Tenth Missouri Highway Commission now laid out for an air line road between St. Louis and Kansas City, misses Fulton by nine miles, Columbia by two miles, Sedalia fifteen miles, and Winona twenty-eight miles. These cities will be connected to the highway primarily by local roads, so that tourists can go into town if they so desire.

"The southern route through Tenth Missouri is the only one that is in opposition against the selection of the board. The secondary road, coming over the North State Highway, will go to the Comptonments of the Alton railroad, so as to avoid railroad crossings.

MEXICO LEAGUE—The Mexico Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution favoring the proposed state highway, and the board going to record the bill before the Legislature.

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"The school fund loan of \$3,000 to George Skinner, he having sold the real estate on which the loan was made to E. J. Klob, was transferred to Klob by executing a new mortgage for the same amount with additional security of \$6,000, and the Clerk was ordered to enter satisfaction in the Recorder's office for more than \$1,000, George Skinner."

Personalty granted to W. H. Schrock to prescribe him in his function as a citizen.

"W. H. Greenfield, of the County Surveyor, was granted a like sum for improvement of